



**FLORIDA SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY FAX BLAST –June 17, 2009**

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**CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE UPDATES: Thomas Gaddis, MD, Chairman**

**Draft LCD for Zometa**

Following is the link to a DRAFT LCD for ZOMETA that CMS has posted for comment. It includes CTIBL but not AIB – [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewlcd.asp?lcd\\_id=29924&lcd\\_version=3&show=all](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewlcd.asp?lcd_id=29924&lcd_version=3&show=all)

**MEDICAID UPDATES:**

Recently the FLASCO Office contacted the FMA and asked them for assistance in obtaining a response from AHCA in regard to the following two questions which were received from a member practice.

**Question #1 to AHCA:**

Is it true that physician's offices will need to re-bill for claims denied with drugs (listed below) once the rates are published? Also, exactly where is the 2009 drug fee schedule posted?

<b>J9330</b>	<b>Torisel</b>
<b>J9033</b>	<b>Treanda</b>
<b>J9207</b>	<b>Ixempra</b>
<b>J1453</b>	<b>Emend</b>

**AHCA's response:**

In regard to your email, the codes that are referenced are all new codes. EDS is in the process of assuming responsibility for pricing of all new and current J codes, and I have been informed that all new codes should receive pricing and current code pricing should be updated in the next few months. All new codes will not be reimbursed until this transition is complete. These codes will be covered retroactively to January 1, 2009.

**Question #2 to AHCA:**

Will the physicians need to rebill for these services or will EDS track and reprocess the claims?

**AHCA's response:**

It is possible that providers will have to rebill for these services, but EDS may choose to reprocess. That has not been communicated to me at this time. I will send out an RV banner with specifics regarding this matter when the prices are loaded in the system, so there will not be any confusion about what providers need to do.

Sorry for the delay. Once the transition is complete, the codes will be updated quarterly by EDS and there should not be any delays in pricing in the future. Thanks to all the providers for their patience while we seek to improve the pricing process for J code reimbursement.

**NOTE:** It is suggested that you have a tracking system in place and wait and see how EDS/Medicaid is going to deal with these denied claims.

**Then on June 16, the FLASCO Office received the following banner message from Florida Medicaid:**

**2009 Health Care Procedure Codes (HCPCS) and Fees - Updated 6/15/2009**

Medicaid staff are completing some last modifications to the format and structure of the 2009 fee schedules and we fully expect to have some, if not all of them posted this week, June 15 on the public Web Portal under Provider Support | Fee Schedules. Codes deleted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 1, 2009, will remain deleted and can no longer be used for billing. Replacement codes given by CMS will have a January 1, 2009 effective date. New 2009 codes designated for Medicaid coverage will also have a January 1, 2009, effective date.

Medicaid will not reprocess any claims due to delayed implementation of 2009 HCPCs and fees. Reprocessing and adjustments are based on the reimbursement rules for the dates of service that are in the Medicaid computer system on the date of processing. Therefore, any claims adjustments and reprocessing for any other reason will be based on the rules in the system at the time of the reprocessing or adjustment. Providers may resubmit any claim that may have been denied between January 1 and June 19, 2009 if the denial is due to the delayed implementation of code and fee changes. The same applies to affected Medicare crossover claims.

### **CMS UPDATES:**

#### **Sole Community Hospital Fact Sheet**

The revised *Sole Community Hospital Fact Sheet* (April 2009), which provides information about Sole Community Hospital classification and payments, is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services **Medicare Learning Network** at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/SoleCommHospfctsht508-09.pdf>.

#### **July 2009 Average sales Price**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the July 2009 ASP pricing files and crosswalks, which are available for download at: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/01a1\\_2009aspfiles.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/01a1_2009aspfiles.asp)

### **MLM UPDATES:**

#### **New:**

SE0910 – Clarification for Billing Part B versus Part D for the Anti-emetic Aprepitant (Emend®)  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0910.pdf>

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Genomic Health Post ASCO Update**

Call to pre-register 1 770 984 5109

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 1PM EST

Number 1 866 288 9872 Passcode 780604

<http://web.envisioncomm.net/OncotypeDX/June23-2009.htm>

#### **Bristol Myers Squibb – Development in Chronic Leukemia – on demand conference**

This 24 hour a day on-demand conference features Michael J. Mauro, MD. To participate, please type in the following URL address: <http://developmentsincml.com> – please complete the registration page and when prompted, please enter the following password: **ondemand**.

**Roche** would like to extend the offer for FLASCO members to participate in an educational webcast series, updating you on current issues affecting the management of Colorectal Cancer (CRC). There is free CME course for physicians.

Information on the Webcasts as follows:

Educational Intervention 1

Webcast 1: Individualized Therapy for Colorectal Cancer: Ready for Prime Time?

Available NOW!!

Educational Interventions 2 and 3

Webcast 3: A post-ASCO Webcast continuation - *Available July 2009*

Educational Intervention 4

Webcast 4: Performance Measures: Trying It All Together - *Available October 2009*

**To register for these webcasts or to view the presentation, please go to [www.meddigest.com/CRC](http://www.meddigest.com/CRC)**

**US Oncology Live Webcast: “Cancer in the Elderly”**

US Oncology is hosting a live, CME accredited, webcast session on June 18, 2009, from 12:15pm to 1:00pm EST, on the following topic: “From life expectancy to chance of surviving in elderly patients: the concept of frailty.” This session will be hosted by expert Jean-Pierre Droz of Centre Leon-Berard, Lyon France.

**BUSINESS Q & A: (Source: The Phipps Wealth Management Group)**

Q. You occasionally mention in your emails a *financial H & P*....what is that?

A. The *financial H & P* is an extremely thorough review of a physicians financial, legal, tax and insurance profile. Specialized analysis and testing is applied to this information. A diagnosis is achieved and a wealth management treatment plan is prescribed.

For more information you may contact: 561-276-1635 Direct - 877-276-1635 Toll Free – fax: 561-922-3275 - E-mail: [jeffrey\\_phippsr@ml.com](mailto:jeffrey_phippsr@ml.com) - <http://fa.ml.com/PhippsGroup/>

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**FLASCO 2009 MEETINGS:**

**October 3, 2009** – FLASCO Business of Oncology Summit - Tampa

**November 6-7, 2009** – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel

**March 5-6, 2010** – FLASCO Spring Meeting and Annual Session – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel

**OTHER MEETINGS/WEBCASTS**

**September 10-13, 2009** APAO Annual meeting in Boston

**September 22-25, 2009** - ACCC's 26th National Oncology Economics Conference - - Hyatt Regency Minneapolis on Nicollet Mall, 1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403 - 612.370.1234

**March 17-20, 2010** - ACCC's 36th Annual National Meeting - -Baltimore Marriott Waterfront 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 - 410.385.3000